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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
3,621,458	Cabezas, et al.	Nov 16, 1971
5,841,218	Gregor et al.	Nov 24, 1998

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	24 57 815	Jun 16, 1976
Germany	26 33 550	Mar 31, 1977
EPO	0 105 230	Apr 11, 1984

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in Applicant's counterpart German patent application 102 08 585.4 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

DE 26 33 550 has an English language counterpart namely U.S. Patent No. 4,074,208.

DE 24 57 815 discloses a high pressure gas discharge lamp having a specific discharge housing forming volumes 9 and 10 into which electrodes 2 and 3 protrude. Discharge housing 1 is water cooled by cooling vessel 8 extending around the discharge housing in the area between volumes 9 and 10. Electrodes 2 and 3 are provided with sharp tips.

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5,168,194	Littlechild et al.	Dec 01, 1992

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Japan	080124521	May 17, 1996

The references listed above were cited by the British Examiner in the search report (copy enclosed) dated September 16,

2003 of Applicant's counterpart British patent application GB 0304039.1 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

OTHER U.S. PATENT(S):

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4,827,484	Cook, Jr.	May 02, 1989
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- (5) Tungsten Data "Electrode Tip Geometry Selection - 3 pages; Tungsten Electrode Tips Sheets - 2 pages; Tungsten Diameter Selection - 2 pages",
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- (12) H. Maecker, "Plasmastroemungen in Lichtboegen in Folge eigenmagnetischer Kompression" pages 198-216, 1955.
- (13) John F. Waymouth, "Analysis of Cathode-Spot Behavior in High-Pressure Discharge Lamps", J.Light & Vis. Env. Vol. 6 No. 2 1982, pages 53-64.
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- (15) G. Ecker, "Electrode Components of the Arc Discharge" 106 pages, Ergebnisse Der Exakten Naturwissenschaften, Published 1961.

Reference (12) "Plasmistroemungen in Lichtboegen in Folge eigenmagnetischer Kompression" discusses spot mode and diffuse mode and explains that a spot mode can be converted to a diffuse mode by additional heating of the cathode so that a diffuse arc attachment is generated. This reference does not discuss any impacts of the various modes on the lifetime of a pumping light source for a laser.

Copies of the above-listed foreign and non-patent references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive

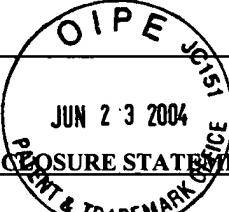
any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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